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Ainia has grown, and along with that, there's a growing friction between him and the human way of life. Jacky and Papa are working hard to train Ainia to become a cheetah who can live independently, but Ainia is unwilling to engage in the exercises. He knows that once the training is successful, he will be released back to the grasslands, and leave Jacky forever... he would rather be a stupid cheetah who gets daily rebukes than to be apart from Jacky! However... even to the ends of the earth, friendship is always close by – a super moving concluding volume, please kindly savor every moment...

I'm very happy to finish illustrating "Me and My Ainia", and am also grateful to all of you for reading this story to the end! This work can be said to be the most difficult of all that I have drawn so far. Collecting background information took a lot of time, time apent drawing was super long, and all that were drawn were all things I had not drawn before - especially the whole lot of wild animals!

I've never had much confidence when it comes to drawing animals, and before, I would avoid it as much aa posaible, so I lost opportunities to practice; yet this time I actually selected this kind of extremely unfamiliar topic. I can only say that the Cheetahs' pull on me is just too strong! I thought that it must feel great to draw such beautiful animals!

Just aa expected, although it was awkward to draw in the beginning, evident with the constant changes in shape, I drew happily with feelings of self-realization! Plus, it was only a monthly serialization, so I could draw all that I wished to draw. Drawing a simple story like this in one year allowed me to retrieve aome of the feelings towards illustrating, to sufficiently rest my brain, and also to continue to create works, and that was the most important thing.

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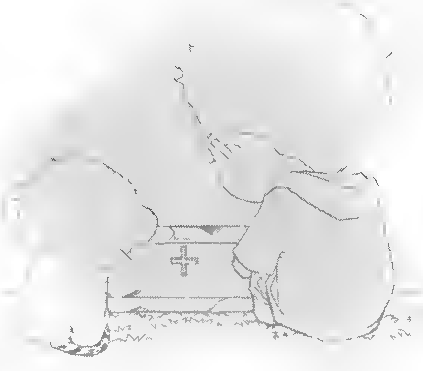
Dear Mommy,
I don't want any
birthday present
this year,

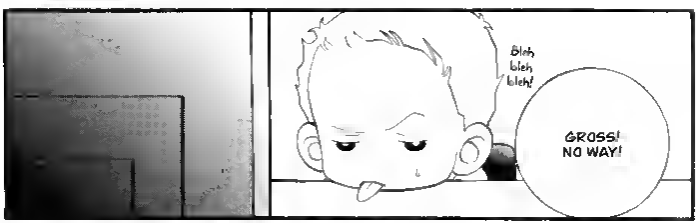
I only want to be
with Anna for-
ever and ever...



JACKY! THERE'S MAIL FOR YOU FROM EMILY!
DO YOU NEED PAPA TO READ IT TO YOU?
"DEAR JACKY."
"EVER SINCE COMING BACK TO AMERICA..."
NO NEED, I CAN READ IT.
OH? JACKY CAN ALREADY RECOGNIZE SO MANY WORDS? AWESOME!
Belittl me a 4-year-old child? How rude!
PAPA, YOU'RE DISTRACTING ME! GO AWAY!

"EVERY DAY, I WISH I COULD BE RUNNING AMONG THE GRASSLANDS WITH YOU, AINIA, AND LUWAR".
"OF COURSE."
"DEAR JACKY,
EVER SINCE COMING BACK TO AMERICA, EVERY DAY I LONG FOR THE ARRIVAL OF MY NEXT VACATION."

"EVERYONE HAS TO RUN WHILE WEARING THE CLOTHES I DESIGNED!"


Blah blah blah!
GROSS! NO WAY!

"WHEN WE SEE EACH OTHER AGAIN, WILL AINIA HAVE GROWN A LOT BY THEN? I MISS HIM SO MUCH!"
"REMEMBER TO SHOW MY PICTURE TO HIM OFTEN, AND TELL HIM THAT HE HAS TO REMEMBER ME!"
Tch! Who cares about you?
SHIVER
Eh?

EH? WHERE'S AINIA?
I'VE SENT ANOTHER BOX OF CLOTHES TO YOU, AND THERE ARE CLOTHES FOR LUWAR AND AINIA IN THERE TOO!"
So annoying! She makes such ugly clothes, but still keeps telling people to wear them!
Ah?
JACKY, WHERE'S AINIA?
AINIA!
SHOCK
CHEETAH
PAPA'S LOOKING FOR YOU!

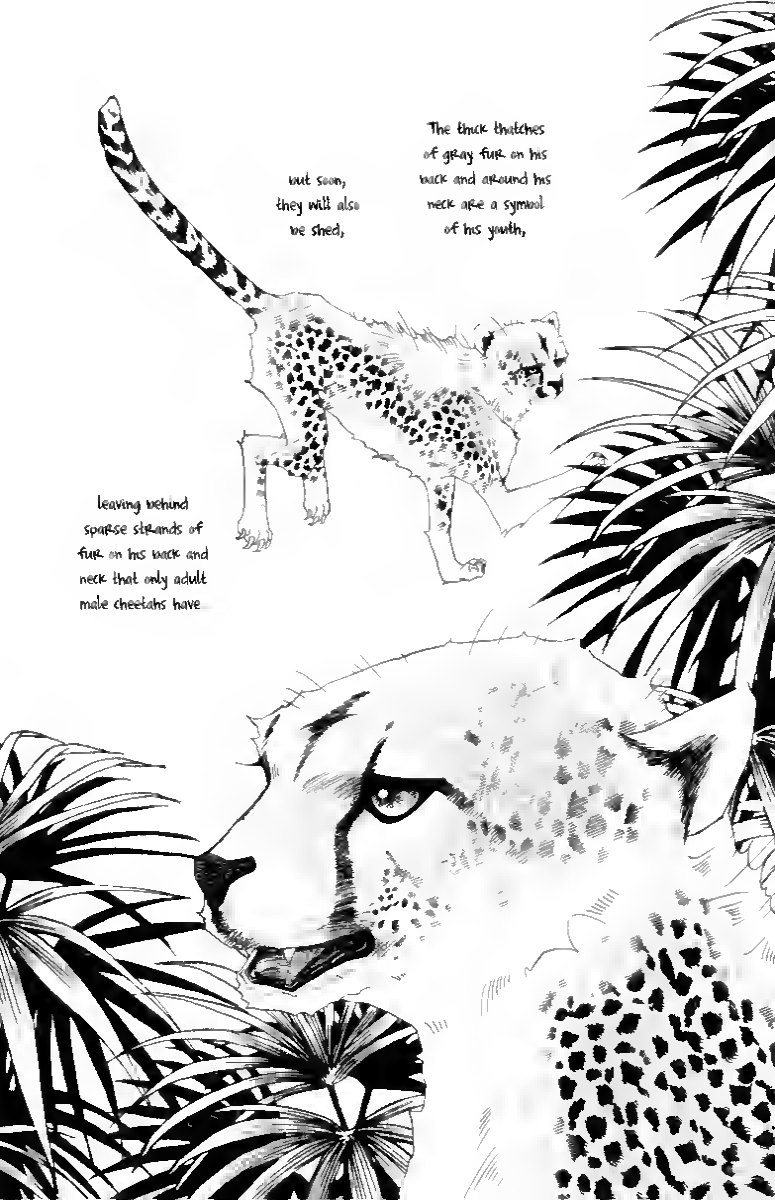
Eh?
AINIA!
There's no way he'd come out with you yelling like that!
Ainia! AINIA!
HE'S NOT HERE, LOOK FOR HIM LATER!
Hoek!
You go outside and look for him!

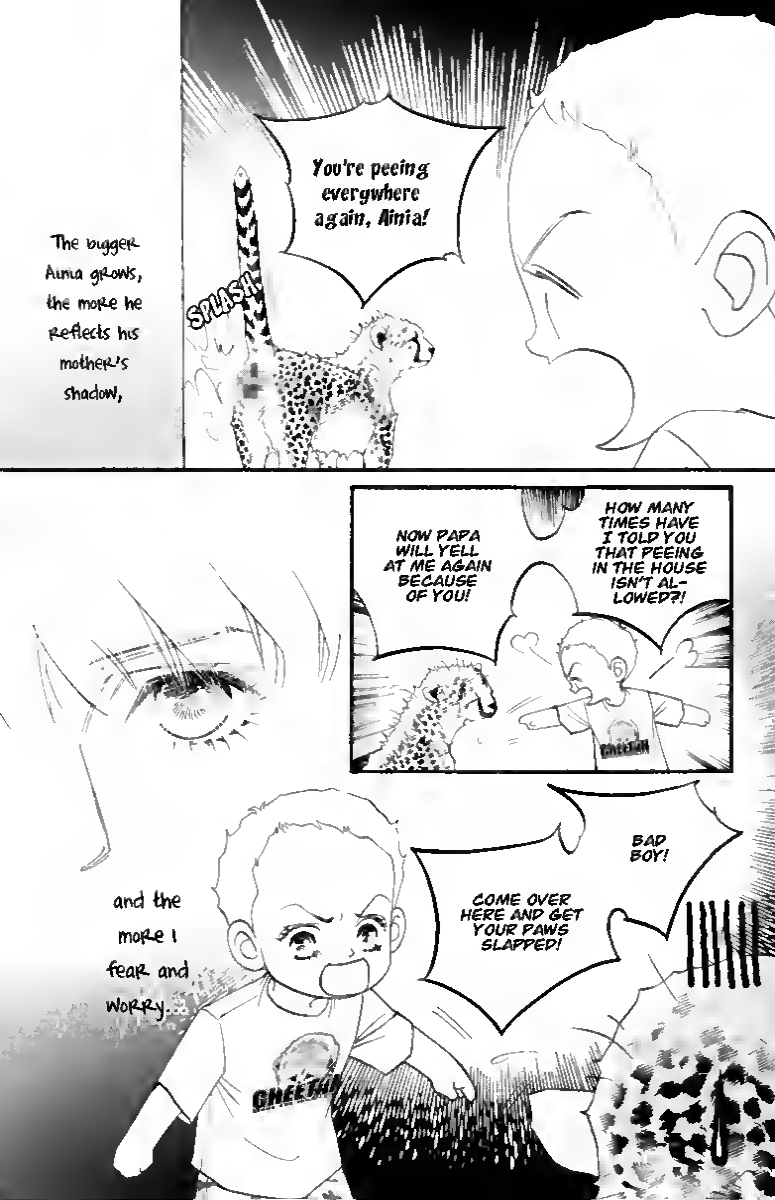
WHOOSH

JACKY!
AAAAAH!
NO!
JACKY!
No, don't...
JACKY!

Ah!
See how fearsome I am!
Ha!
THONK
Yah!
Hurry up and die!
I've killed you already!
THONK!
WHAM!
My heart nearly exploded with fear... but in the end...
You can't move when you're dead!
BIG IDIOT!

Aina is now 8 months old,
HAVE YOU TWO PLAYED AROUND ENOUGH YET?!
his build is already reaching that of a mature adult cheetah.


The thick thatches of gray fur on his back and around his neck are a symbol of his youth,
but soon, they will also be shed,
leaving behind sparse strands of fur on his back and neck that only adult male cheetahs have


The bigger Aima grows, the more he reflects his mother's shadow,
You're peeing everywhere again, Aima!
SPLASH!
NOW PAPA WILL YELL AT ME AGAIN BECAUSE OF YOU!
HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU THAT PEEING IN THE HOUSE ISN'T ALLOWED?!
and the more I fear and worry...
BAD BOY!
COME OVER HERE AND GET YOUR PAWS SLAPPED!
CHEETAH

Watch your claws, Ainia!
That hurts!
Wuah... I got scolded again..
I'm afraid that the same tragedy that happened with Annie will happen again to Jacky.
Oww!
SWISH!!
Wuah!

FROM NOW ON, YOU HAVE TO BE CAREFUL WHEN PLAYING WITH AINIA.
OH...
THEIR CLAWS ARE NOT RETRACTABLE
CHEETAHS RUN AT HIGH SPEEDS, SO FOR THE SAKE OF INCREASING THEIR GRIP ON THE GROUND TO PREVENT FALLING,
I know this, I know this!
Raise your hand!
I know this one, too!
Bow!
AINIA!
Did you hear what I said or not?
Coming, coming!
Stop!

IT FEELS LIKE I HAVE AN EXTRA SON...
TWO RAMBUNCTIOUS SONS!
Emily's picture!
GRRRR~
GRRRR~
TRAINING COMPLETE! LET'S GO OUT TO PLAY!
CHEETAH
CHEETAH

DOES JACKY KNOW HOW HIS MOTHER PASSED AWAY?
Eh?
Aiyee!
Oh, pretend I never asked...
Ha ha ha ha ha!
I... HAVE MENTIONED IT TO HIM...
I NEVER INTENDED TO HIDE IT FROM HIM...
JUST TAKE A LOOK FOR YOURSELF!
DID HE CRY A LOT?
THEN, HOW DID HE RESPOND?

he held on to Anna tightly, terrified that I would thrown Anna away...
When he found out the cause of his own mother's death,
At that time, I understood.
What he needs right now is not a mother
but Anna instead

JACKY WAS STILL TOO YOUNG WHEN ANNIE PASSED AWAY, SO ASIDE FROM A FEW PHOTOS,
THE REST OF HIS MEMORIES ABOUT HIS MOTHER ARE BASED ON WHAT I HAVE TOLD HIM...
Compared to the distant and hazy shadow of his mother,
Aunia's existence is much more real...

HOW COME YOU HAVEN'T GONE OUT TO PLAY WITH LUWAR LATELY?
AH?
For Jacky to not be filled with hatred towards the cheetahs who caused his own mother's death - This was also Annie's last wish before her death
CHEETAH
CONSERVATION CENTRE

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: JACKY IS THE ONLY ONE WHO PRONOUNCES LUWAR'S NAME WRONG.
WHAT'S WRONG?
EHH...
LUWAH'S* FATHER DOESN'T LIKE AINIA,
EVERY TIME HE SEES AINIA, HE GETS REALLY MAD AND CHASES HIM AWAY WITH A STICK...
Besides, Luwah likes Ainia,
and Ainia also likes Luwah!
I'm not gonna leave Ainia home all by himself!
THEN, JUST DON'T TAKE AINIA WITH YOU!
NO!

LUWAR'S FATHER IS AFRAID THAT AINIA WILL HUNT AND KILL HIS LIVESTOCK,
THAT'S WHY HE CHASES HIM AWAY WITH A STICK
TRAINING SO THAT HE DOESN'T BECOME A STUPID, NAUGHTY CHEETAH!
SO JUST LEAVE HIM AT HOME!
HE NEEDS TO START UNDERGOING TRAINING ANYWAY
TRAINING? WHAT'S THAT?
No wonder he's so stupid!
I... I'VE ALWAYS BEEN TRAINING HIM!
HE KNOWS EVERYTHING!

COME ON! PAPA WILL TAKE YOU TO FIND LUWAR NOW
OH?
DIDN'T EMILY SEND A BIG BAG OF STUFF TO GIVE TO LUWAR?
LET'S TAKE AINIA ALONG TO DELIVER THE PRESENT!

CHEETAH
JUST LOOK AT THEM! THEY ARE JUST LIKE A BUNCH OF NORMAL KIDS!
Papa worked hard for several months learning the Maa language...
HOW CAN I NOT WORRY? IT'S NOT LIKE I RAISED HIM!
WE HAVE RAISED AINA SINCE HE WAS SMALL. HE HAS A VERY GENTLE NATURE. SO PLEASE DON'T WORRY!
HEEEEH~~
CHEETAH

Heh heh~~~
GIVING THEIR BEST PERFORMANCE! BUT IT IS A BIT OVER THE TOP AND RIDICULOUS...
THIS WILL PRODUCE THE OPPOSITE DESIRED EFFECT!
LOOK HOW CUTE THEY ARE! AINIA IS JUST LIKE A CHILD! THERE'S NO NEED TO FEAR HIM!
THIS... IT'S BETTER NOT TO LOOK I FEEL EVEN MORE DISTURBED AFTER SEEING THIS
ENOUGH ALREADY! STOP PUTTING ON A SHOW!
I really want to shoot them with a tranquilizer gun!

Eh?
Hello!
Peek!
Go, go go!
Hurry, hurry, hurry!

Luwah is short and pudgy, so he looks like he's really young,
but he's the same age as me. We're both 6 years old!!
DO YOU SEE ANY ENEMIES?
IS EVERY-THING OK UP THERE?
On top of that,
UH-

One look and you can tell this is a silly hat made by Emily! →
Luwar only knows 3 English phrases—
He doesn't speak my language,
OK !
Hello !
I also don't speak his language,
He truly was taught by Jacky after all. So silly!
Bye-bye !
but we play together very well!
Your birthdays are on the same day!
OK !
OK !
OK !
CHEETAH
CONSERVATION CENTER

EH? WHERE'S ANIA?
NORMALLY, WHEN HE SEES SNACKS, HE ALWAYS COMES RUNNING!
EAT SNACKS!
DRINK JUICE!
Bad habits once again taught by Jacky... exactly the same!
OVER THERE!*

* LUWAR SPEAKS IN MAA.

AINIA!
SNAAAKE~
SNAAAKE~
CHEETAH
CONSERVATION CENTER

AINIA!
YOU CAN'T PLAY WITH SNAKES!
IF YOU GET BIT BY A SNAKE, YOU'LL DIE!
HISSSS—

AINIA!
HURRY BACK!
THUD!
CHEETAH

Ainia—

CHEETAH
WAAH...
WAAH...
AIAIA...

CRAP... I CAN'T TELL WHAT KIND OF SNAKE HE WAS BITTEN BY...
IF I GIVE HIM THE WRONG ANTI-VENOM,
AINIA WOULD STILL DIE...
PAPA, YOU'RE SAYING THAT AINIA WILL DIE?
AINIA!
AINIA!

ZUBA?

POFADDER—*
* AFRICAN TERM FOR "PUFF ADDER," A VENOMOUS VIPER SPECIES THAT CAN BE FOUND IN THE AFRICAN GRASSLANDS. SEE HTTP://WWW.IB.TIMATEFIELD.PSUPE.COM/PUFF_ADDER_-_BITIS_ARIETANS.HTM
POF...
POFADDER?
"Poof Ladder"? What's that?

YES...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT AINIA WAS BITTEN BY A FOFADDER?
ARE YOU SURE?
Of course I do not want to save that kind of predatory animal who is always after my family's cattle... but
Flustered due to shock from the sudden "loving embrace"!
THANK YOU!
THAT'S GREAT!
I can't stand by and watch... the way those two brats are crying like there's no tomorrow...
YES...

THE CENTER IS VERY WELL EQUIPPED, AINIA WILL BE FINE!
THERE'S ANTI-VENOM IN THE FIRST-AID KIT IN THE CAR, SO WE NEED TO HURRY BACK TO THE CAR!
THEN—
CHEE
CHEETAH
CONSERVATION CENTER
T-THEN...
THEN, AINIA WON'T DIE?

JACKY—
IF YOU WANT TO GO, THEN GO!
I'LL BRING HIM BACK TOMORROW!
LUWAR WILL SPEND THE NIGHT AT MY HOUSE TODAY

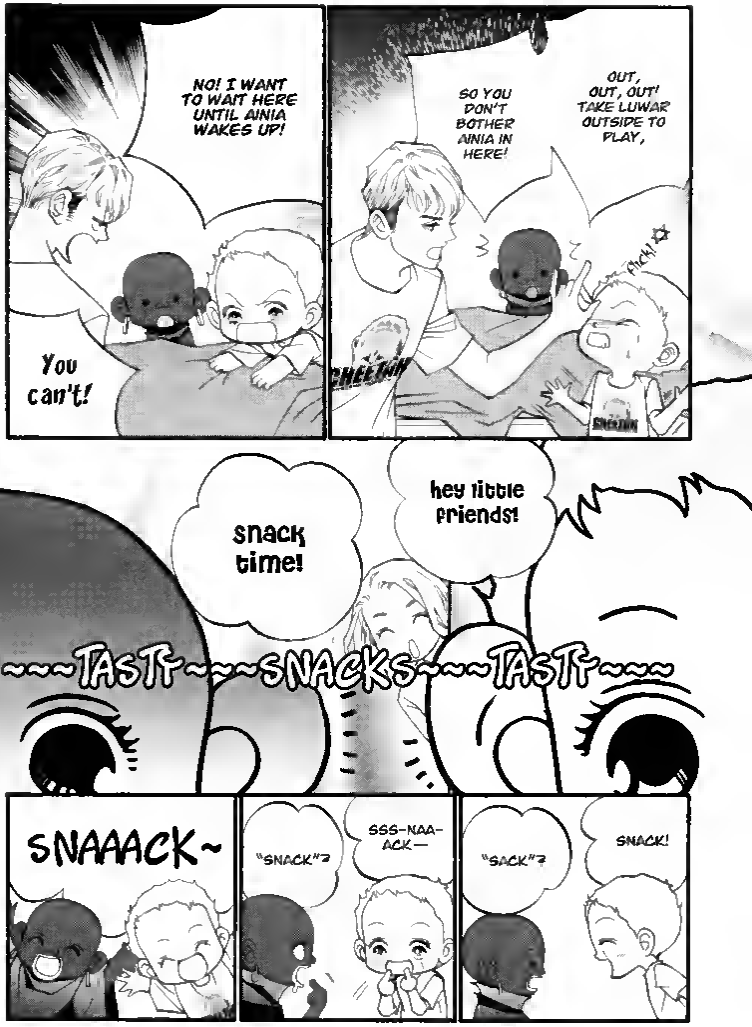
LUWAR'S FATHER WAS RIGHT,
CHEETAH
THE BITE WOUND WAS FROM A PUFF ADDER. THE ANTI-VENOM IS STARTING TO WORK!
CHEETAH

AINIA WILL GET BETTER!
OK !
OK—
WHY'RE YOU CRYING? AINIA WILL BE FINE!
Wuah...
O... K...

WHEN I SAW AINIA LYING ON THE GROUND,
I REMEMBERED HOW HIS MOTHER WAS LYING ON THE GROUND IN THE SAME WAY WHEN SHE DIED...
I WAS SO SCARED...
...SCARED THAT AINIA WOULD DIE LIKE HIS MOTHER...

BUT
ONCE AINIA IS TRAINED, HE WILL BE RELEASED
THAT'S WHY I SAID THAT AINIA NEEDS TRAINING
ONCE HE'S BEEN TRAINED, IT WILL BE LESS LIKELY FOR HIM TO GET INTO TROUBLE
DO YOU SEE?
WITH NO TRAINING, HE BECOMES LIKE THIS!
LIKE— THIS—
CHEETAH

Ainia...


NO! I WANT TO WAIT HERE UNTIL AINIA WAKES UP!
You can't!
SO YOU DON'T BOTHER AINIA IN HERE!
OUT, OUT, OUT! TAKE LUWAR OUTSIDE TO PLAY,
CHEETAH
Flick!
SHIRT
snack time!
hey little friends!
~~~TASTY~~~SNACKS~~~TASTY~~~
SNAAACK~
"SNACK"?
SSS-NAA-ACK—
"SACK"?
SNACK!
~~~

HMPH!
Little kids are even more heartless than I had imagined...

Aina...
you have to
hurry and
get better
soon...
These two big brothers sleeping postures are pretty bad...
Waaaah~
Save me Papaaa~